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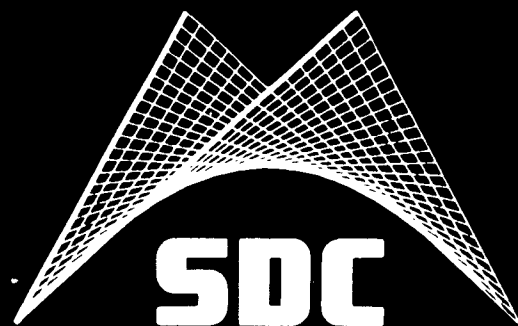
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### INTRODUCTION

This document is a combined Milestone 3 and 4 for the Remote Tracking Station Utility Support System. The system consists of the following CDC 160-A computer programs:

- A. Prepare Master Telemetry, Track and Command (TT & C) Tape (SPMTA)
- B. Tracking Station Bootstrap (SBOOT)
- C. Master TT & C Tape Read Subroutine (GREAD)

### UTILITY SYSTEM SPECIFICATION

The utility system is designed to provide the user with the tools necessary to construct a master TT & C program tape, initiate telemetry, tracking and commanding operations and provide the capability of calling functions from the master program tape when needed.

### MASTER TT & C TAPE FORMAT DESCRIPTION

The master TT & C magnetic tape is comprised of a variable number of files, where each file with the exception of the first file is designated a MODE number. A MODE shall be defined as a general class of related functions. For instance, one MODE shall consist of all those functions necessary to execute pre-pass, pass, and post-pass telemetry operations. A subset of a MODE is a function. A function shall consist of all those modules, submodules, subroutines, data, and tables, which will be called simultaneously from the master tape read subroutine. Finally, a subset of a function is an information record. An information record shall be bank specific and shall contain all information required for a single bank. Consequently, a function shall include up to four information records.

Operators will call for a specific MODE through the use of a mnemonic identification, via the on-line typewriter. The first record of the first file shall contain a variable length MODE directory. This directory shall contain a MODE

number (which in essence is the file number on the tape) for each mnemonic identification. In addition, the first three words of the MODE directory shall contain the alphanumeric date (month, day, year) of when the master tape was generated. This date will be listed on the printer and typewriter each time the bootstrap initiates processing (see Appendix A-1, Mode Directory Format).

The logic for processing a function within a MODE is handled in an identical fashion. A function is called from within a MODE through the use of a logical function number. This number serves as an index to a function directory found at the beginning of the MODE. An entry in the directory describes where a function is positioned within the MODE and the number of information records required to define it (see Appendix A-2, Function Directory Format).

Associated with each information record of each function is a four-word identification record. This record contains a load address and return address employed by the master tape read subroutine (see Appendix A-3, Identification Record Format).

There is no restriction to the number of MODE files which may be recorded on the tape (except for the physical capacity of the tape). Each function directory, however, is restricted to  $64$  entries. Consequently, a MODE can contain no more than  $64$  functions. (See Appendix A-4, Composite TT & C Tape Format.)

#### SUBSYSTEM DESCRIPTIONS

##### A. Prepare Master TT & C Tape (SPMTA)

###### 1. Function

The Prepare Master TT & C Tape program will initially generate a master program tape from a specially formatted input source or subsequently edit any part of an existing master tape. The tape shall contain operational telemetry, operational tracking and commanding and non-operational programs necessary to support and execute the computer subsystems functions at the augmented remote tracking station.

The program shall be capable of accepting information from the following sources:

- . cards
- . magnetic tape
- . paper tape
- . Typewriter

As the program generates or modifies the master tape, it shall update each directory of those MODES affected, insuring that a directory is always current with its MODE. In this manner, the tape need not be generated in the same order each time, but may vary, allowing ease of operation, and considerable flexibility. A directory will be listed each time a tape is generated. This listing will identify each MODE and the contents of the MODE.

## 2. Description of Operation

SPMTA will operate in one of two ways: generate a new master tape; update an existing master tape. In the case of the former, a MODE directory deck of the new tape must be supplied (see Appendix B for MODE directory deck format). How SPMTA is to operate will be determined by a jump key setting; if the jump key is set, a new master tape will be generated, rather than updating an existing tape. When no existing master tape is used, the directory deck is read and formatted in core, and proper flags are set to indicate that there is no existing master. The use of an existing master will cause SPMTA to read the directory from the existing master and use it for reference in generating the new tape.

All coded control information, such as the directory deck, MODE cards, ID cards and octal correctors will be read from the 167 card reader unless Jump Key 2 is set, then the above mentioned information will be accepted from the typewriter. The input source of data



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will be indicated on the ID cards (see Appendix B for ID card format). The two sources of binary data will be either OSAS binary cards or OSAS paper tape.

All references to inputs in the following discussion will be from cards. (Refer to Appendix B, Card Format.)

After the MODE directory has either been read into core from cards or the existing master tape, processing of the data decks commence. The data decks consist of a "DATE" card, "MODE" cards, "ID" cards, binary cards, octal correctors, and finally an END card.

The DATE card will contain month, day and year of when the new master TT & C tape was generated. The information will head the MODE directory for future references.

MODE cards will be used when a new MODE is to be added to the tape, an existing MODE is to be deleted, or programs within a MODE are desired to be modified. MODE cards must be ordered according to sequential position of the MODES on the tape. That is, if changes are to be made to MODES 2 and 7, MODE card 2 must precede MODE card 7. If a MODE is to be deleted from the tape, the next card following will be another MODE card or an END card.

The ID cards are used to indicate changes to functions within a MODE. Functions may be added, deleted, or modified. Also on the card will be control information as to the loading address of the first record, and the starting address of the program. If a function is to be deleted from the MODE, the next card following will be the next ID card, MODE card, or an END card.

ID cards must be numerically ordered according to function number. This is not saying that the physical order of these functions on the tape are fixed. Logical function number 5 could occupy the first

record positions of a MODE. But for the convenience of SPMTA, when compiling the data deck, the functions must appear in sequential order.

Standard OSAS binary cards will be accepted for binary input. This deck may contain data for more than one bank. The binary bank card will be the division card. The binary transfer card will terminate reading binary cards.

Octal Corrector cards will be used to modify existing data on the master tape or to modify adjoining binary decks. These cards do not have to be ordered.

An END card will terminate the processing of the input data deck and effect a merge of the old and new tapes for generating an updated master TT & C tape.

### 3. Input/Output Formats

#### a. Input Data Formats

- . Card Format (See Appendix B)
- . Typewriter Format (See Appendix C)
- . Data Sequence (See Appendix D)

#### b. Output Data Formats

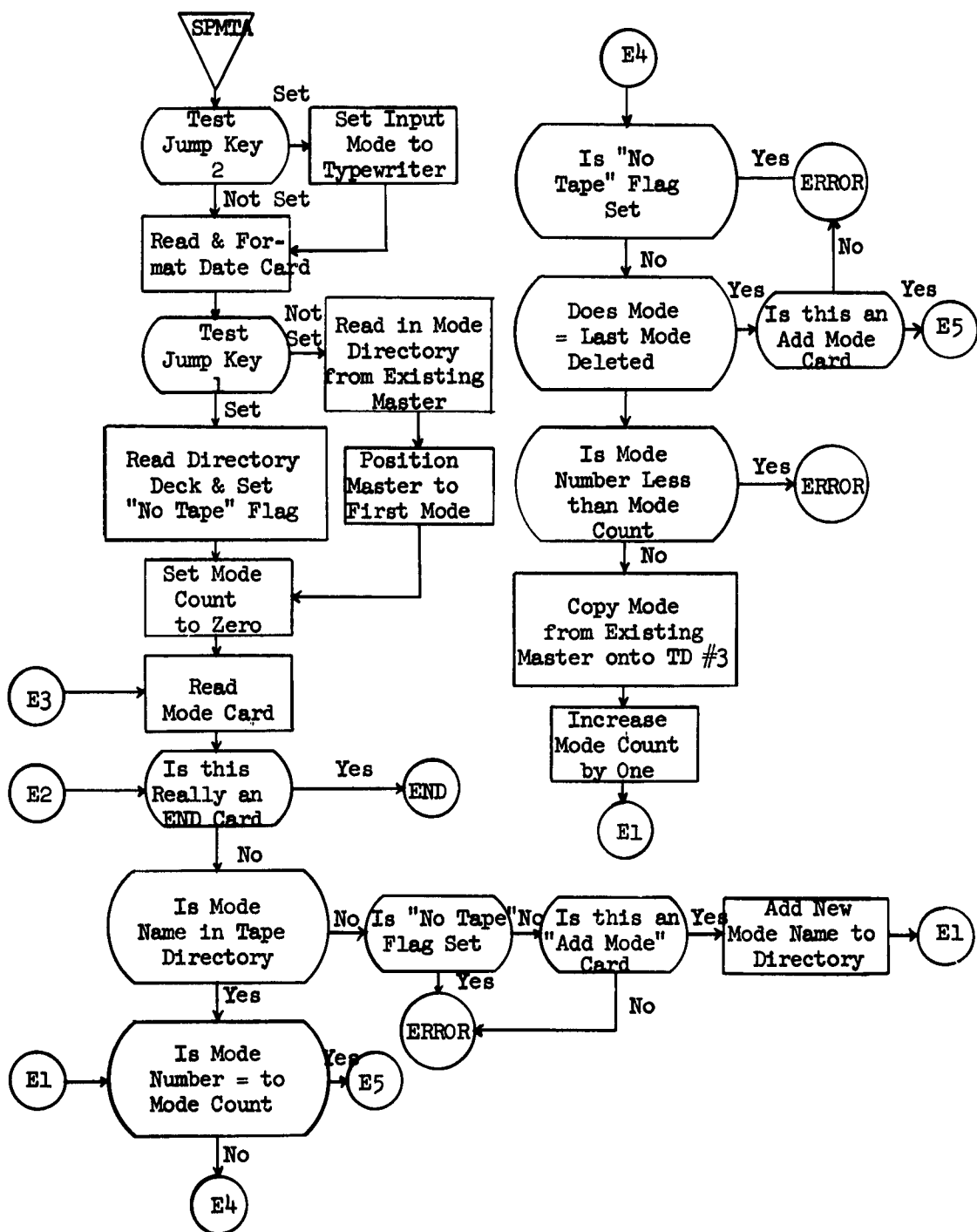
The only output from SPMTA is the TT & C master tape (see Master TT & C Tape Format Description).

#### c. Magnetic Tapes

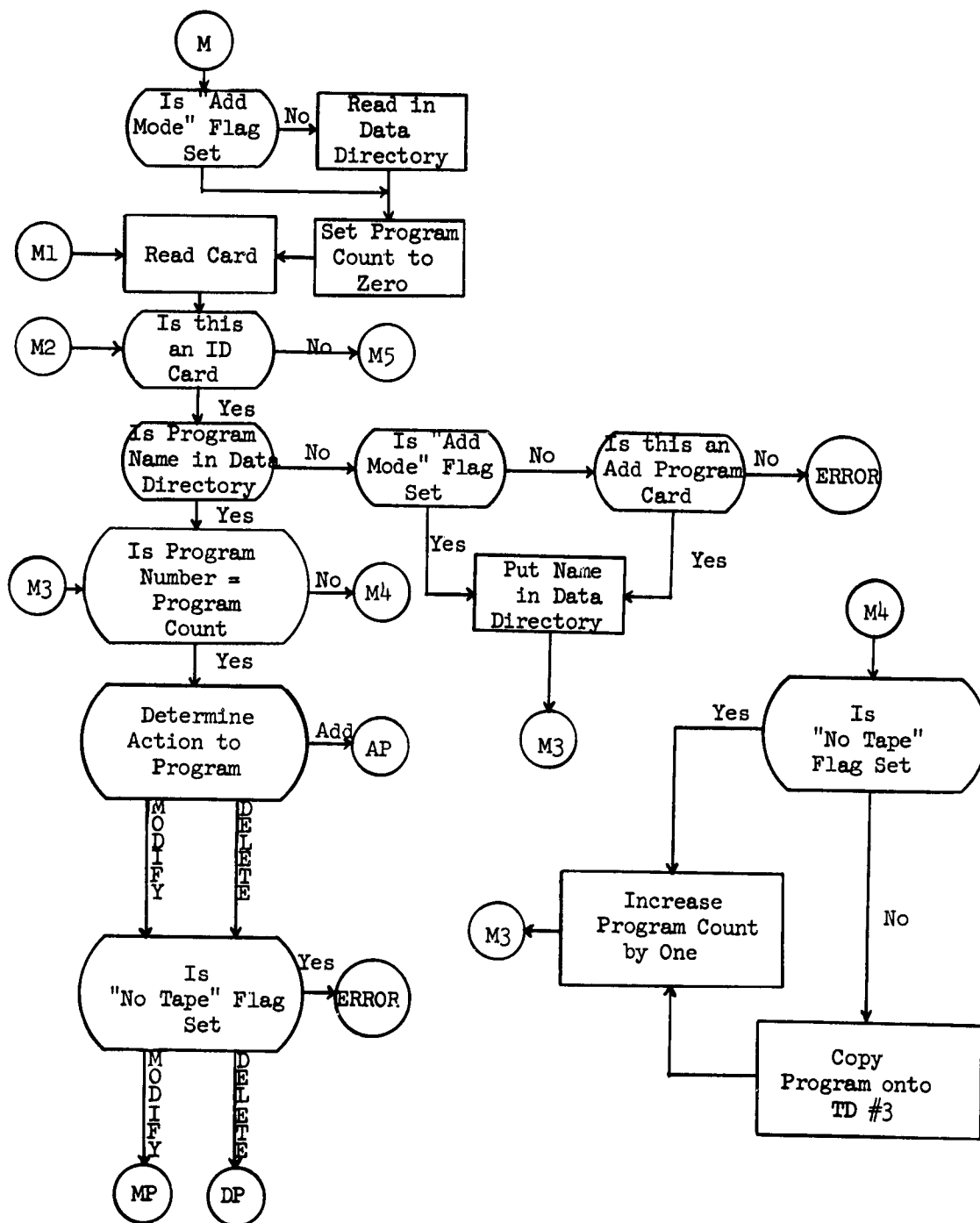
- TD #1 Old master tape
- TD #2 New master tape
- TD #3 Scratch tape
- TD #4 Scratch tape

#### 4. Restrictions

- a. An OSAS binary deck cannot be shuffled or re-ordered in any way because of the bank cards that may be used. Starting and terminal loading address are obtained from the binary deck.
- b. Only one record will be on tape for each bank that a program requires. If a program requires various parts of 4 banks, 4 records will be on the tape.
- c. If a binary deck is used to modify a program on the existing master tape, that program on tape will be replaced by the binary deck.
- d. When just octal correctors are used to modify a program, the octal cards must be preceded with a binary transfer card.





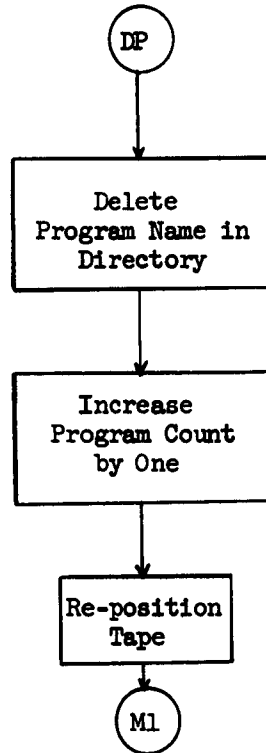


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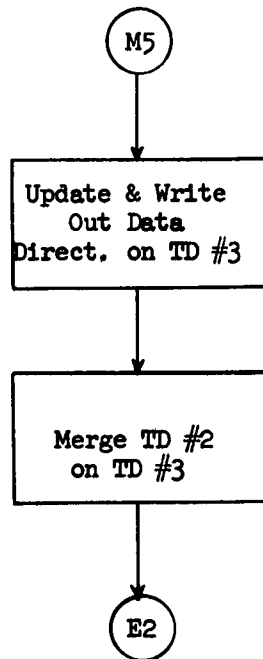
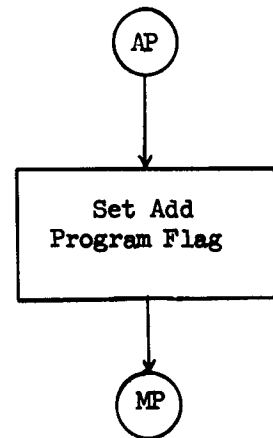
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Delete Program



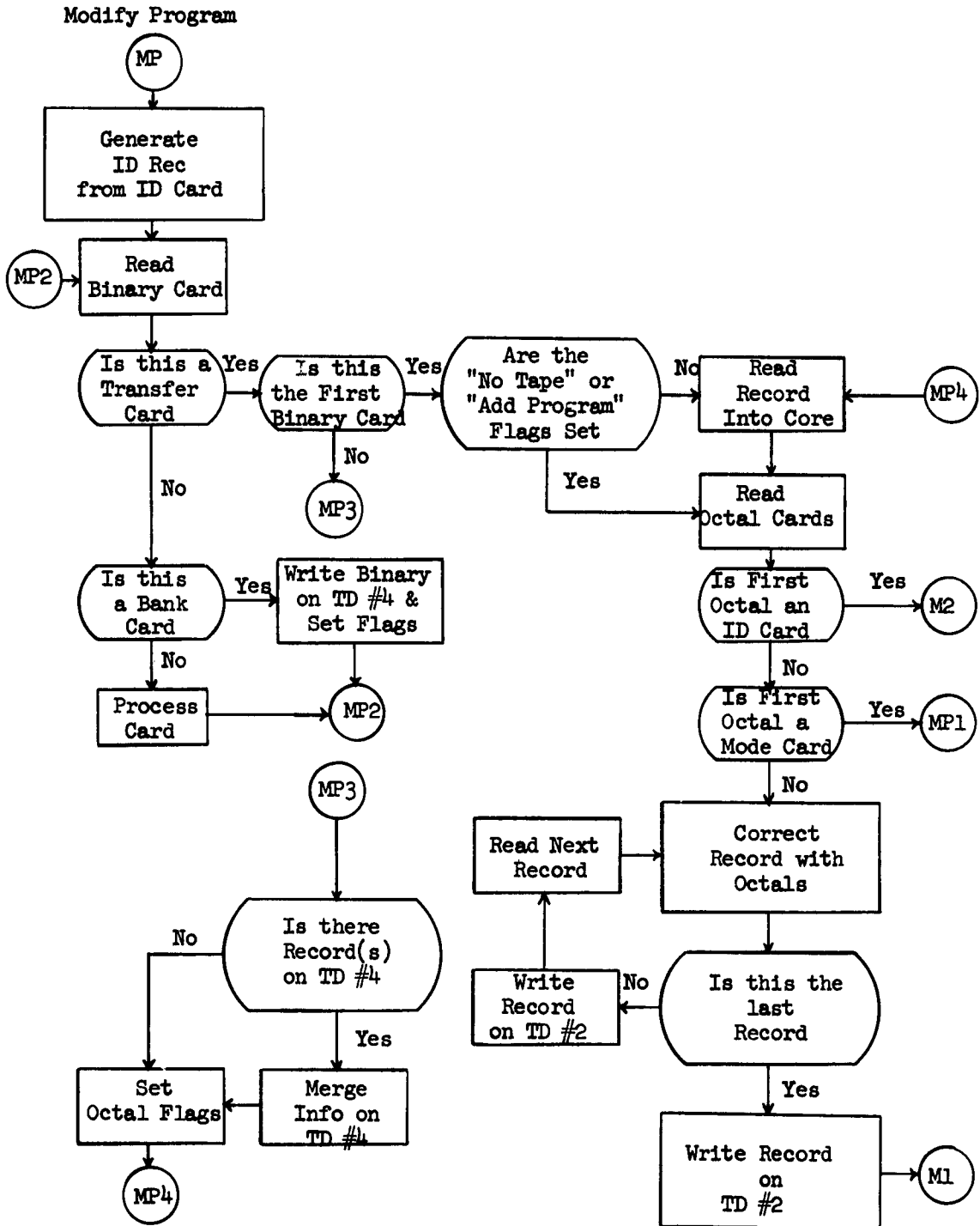
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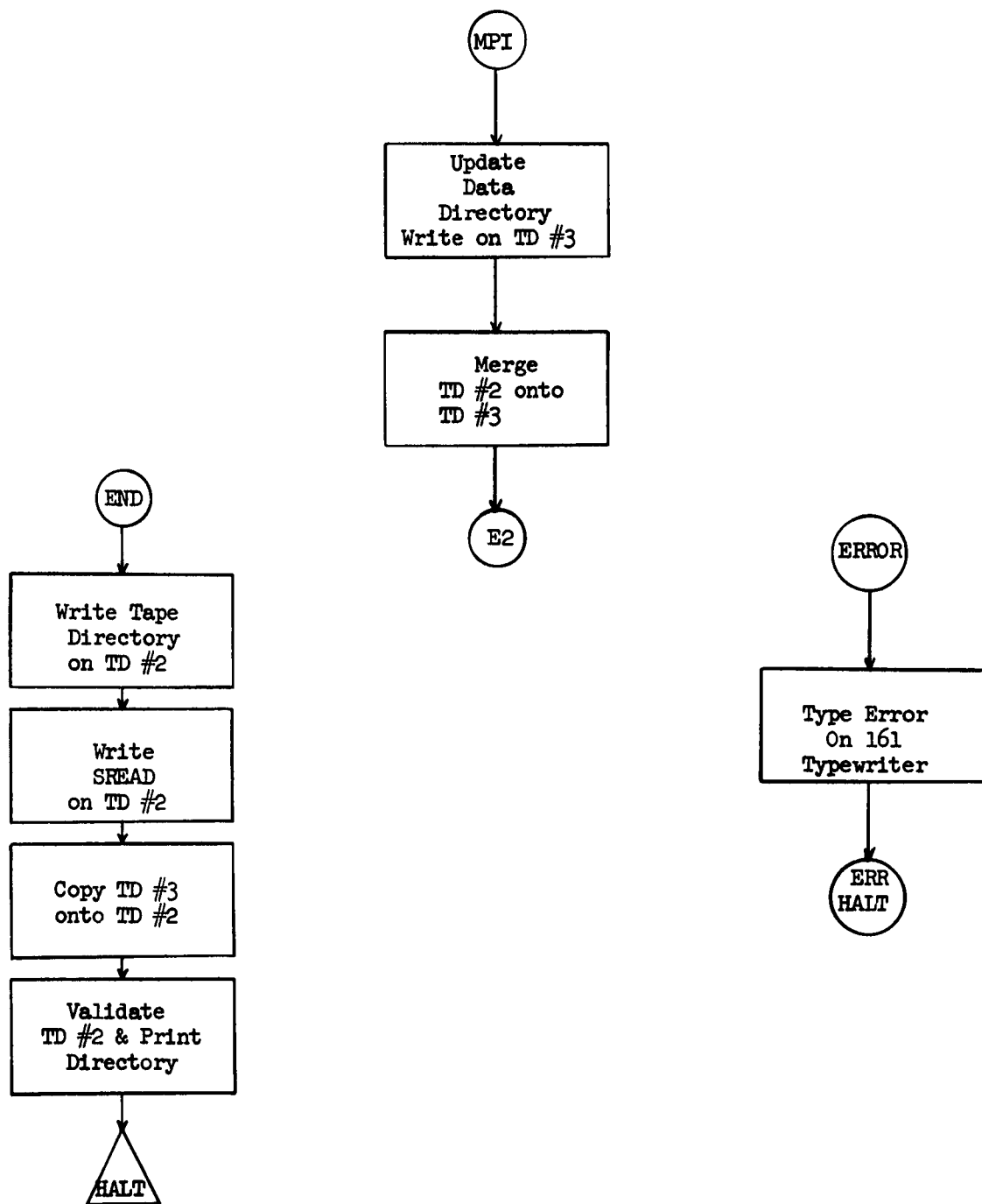




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## B. Tracking Station Bootstrap (SBOOT)

### 1. Function

The bootstrap routine shall be loaded from paper tape and shall initiate all operational and non-operational functions located on the master TT & C tape (TD #1).

### 2. Description of Operation

The bootstrap object program shall be read from a seven level bi-octal paper tape. The tape shall be loaded at 7000<sub>8</sub> of bank 3. The operator commences operations by manually transferring to address 7000 bank 3. SBOOT immediately reads the MODE directory and SREAD records off the master tape and requests a MODE via the on-line typewriter. The operator shall respond with an alphanumeric identification of the MODE. The bootstrap matches the requested identification with the corresponding identification in the MODE directory. If there is no entry in the directory for the requested MODE, SBOOT shall request another MODE. After SBOOT has retrieved the corresponding MODE number of the alphanumeric identification, it requests a logical function number from the operator. The logical function number, which identifies a specific function within the MODE, corresponds to an entry in the function directory situated at the beginning of each MODE. SBOOT then calls on SREAD to position the master tape to the correct MODE, read the function directory into a fixed location of core and finally read the requested function into core. Depending on the call parameters, SBOOT will either exit to the called function via the return address found in the identification record or return to the typewriter for the entry address.

### 3. Input/Output Formats

SBOOT shall transmit to the on-line typewriter "MODE", whereupon the operator will respond with up to seven (7) alphanumeric

characters. Initially, the tape will contain three (3) modes:

TIM - telemetry  
TRK - tracking and commanding  
NONOP - non-operational programs

SBOOT will then type FUNCTION, whereupon the operator will respond with up to two (2) decimal numeric characters. Functions will be assigned logical function numbers in a subsequent paper. All inputs from the typewriter will be terminated by a period. A typical sequence of events would be:

(CR) MODE TRK.  
(CR) FUNCTION 2.

#### 4. Restrictions

The master tape can only be mounted on logical unit one.

### C. Master TT & C Tape Read Subroutine (SREAD)

#### 1. Function

SREAD shall perform the following two functions:

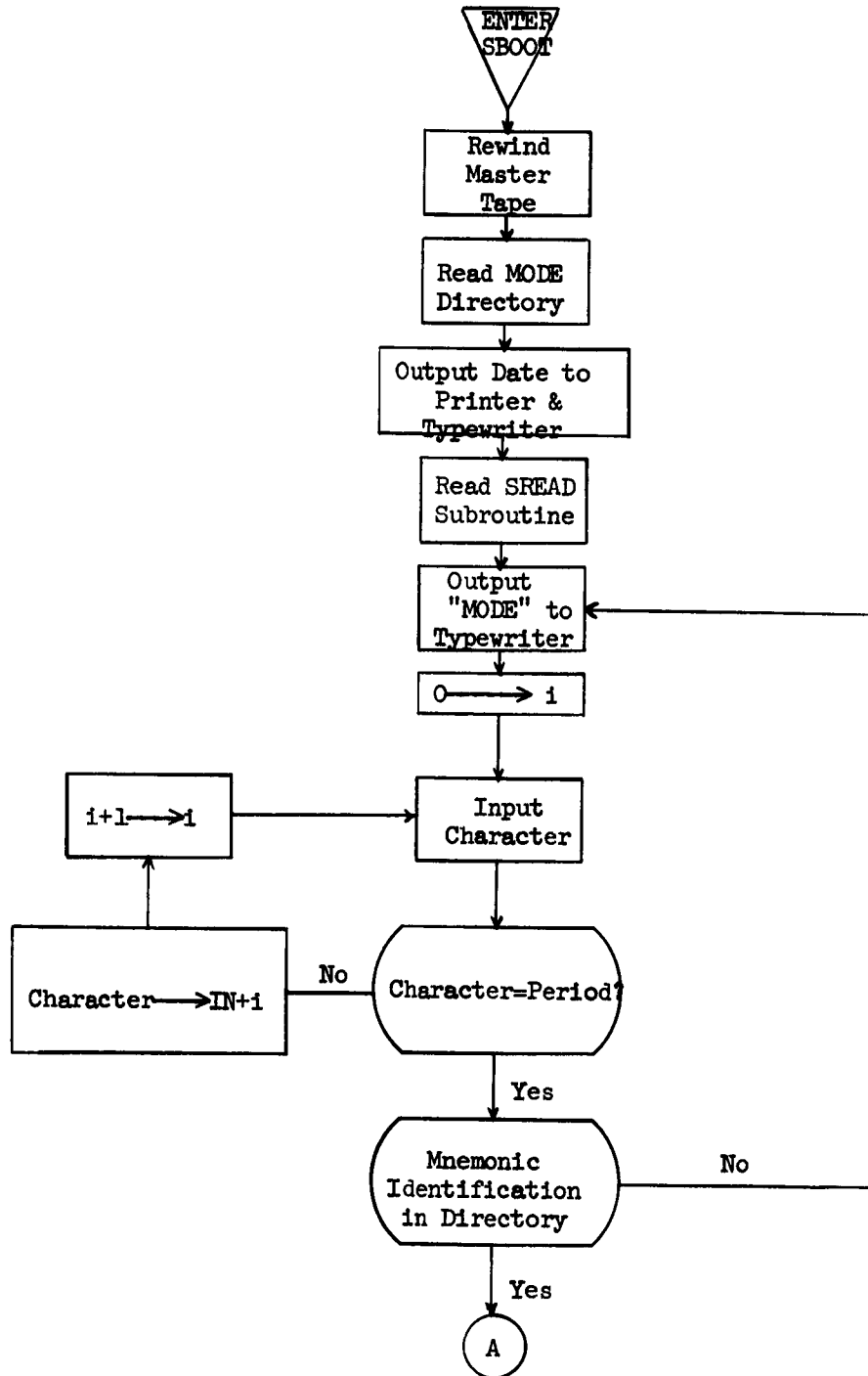
- . Read information records from the master TT & C program tape;
- . Seek and position the master TT & C program tape for future references;

SREAD shall occupy a permanent position in core and shall provide operational and non-operational programs with the capability of calling programs, data and tables off the master program tape when needed.

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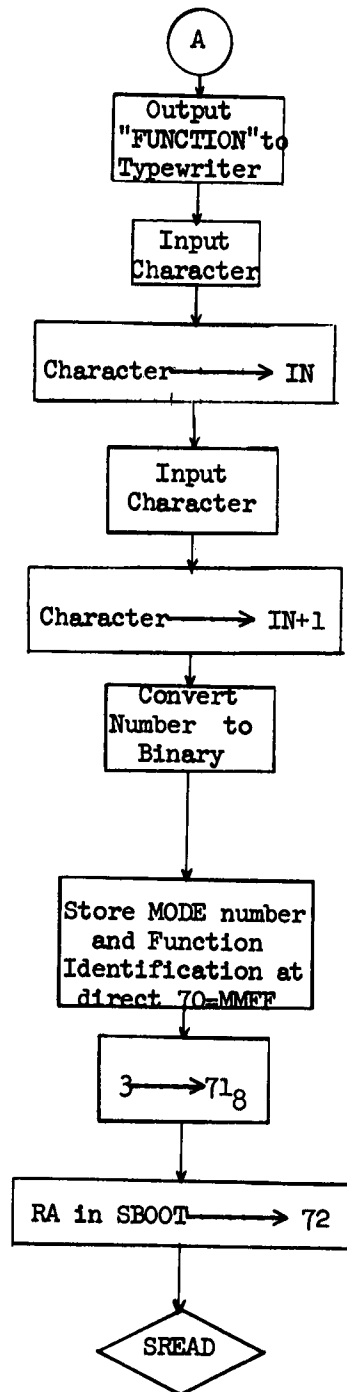
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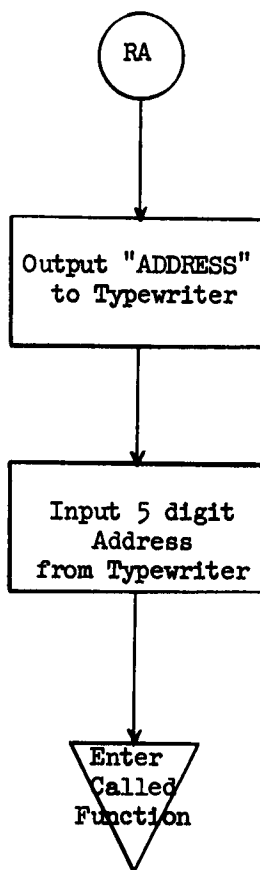


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## 2. Description of Operation

There exists two entrances to SREAD: an initial entrance employed by SBOOT; an internal entrance, the normal entrance used by all operational and non-operational programs which call SREAD. The calling sequence is virtually the same for both entrances, except for the initial entrance, the function identification parameter contains the MODE number in the upper six-bits of the word. This causes SREAD to position the tape to the correct MODE and automatically read in the function directory from the front of the MODE. Also, certain position parameters are initialized so that SREAD shall confine its searching to within the requested MODE.

Following is the calling sequence for the internal entrance (normal entrance):

```
LDC    SREAD
SRJ1
```

where the following parameters have been previously stored in the direct bank ....

```
cell 70    =    000000ffffff
```

where the lower six-bits represent a binary logical function number

```
cell 71    =    k1 K2 K3 0000 b1 b1 o b2 b2
```

```
where      K1    =    0    Read Option
              =    1    Seek Option
```

```
           K2    =    0    Non-relocatable
              =    1    Relocate
```

```
           K3    =    0    Use RA (return address) in ID record
              =    1    Use RA in call parameters
```

$b_1b_1$	=	Relocatable bank
$b_2b_2$	=	Return bank
cell 72	=	Return address
cell 73	=	Relocatable address

Under nominal operations, 70 and 71 are the only cells that need loading: logical function number in 70; zero in 71.

The logical function number is used as an index to the function directory. The contents of the associated entry in the directory describes where the first record is positioned within the MODE and how many records are to be read for this function. SREAD positions the tape to the correct information records and tests cell 71 to determine if this is merely a seek option. If so, SREAD exits to the bank and address given in cells 71 and 72. If not, the routine next interrogates whether or not the data records are to be relocated. If so, only the first record of a series of records will be relocated. This implies that if modules within a function are to be relocated, each module must be identified with its own logical function number and called individually from the master tape. SREAD then reads the information records into core. Finally, the routine determines which return address is to be employed: the return address off the identification record or the return address in the calling sequence. The routine then returns as requested.

Through its flexibility, SREAD is capable of reading whole phases of an operation (pre-pass, pass, post-pass) as well as subroutines such as the algorithms associated with the telemetry function.

### 3. Input/Output Formats

The only input to SREAD other than the calling sequence described above is the master TT & C tape itself (see Master TT & C Tape Format Description). SREAD produces no output.



#### 4. Restrictions

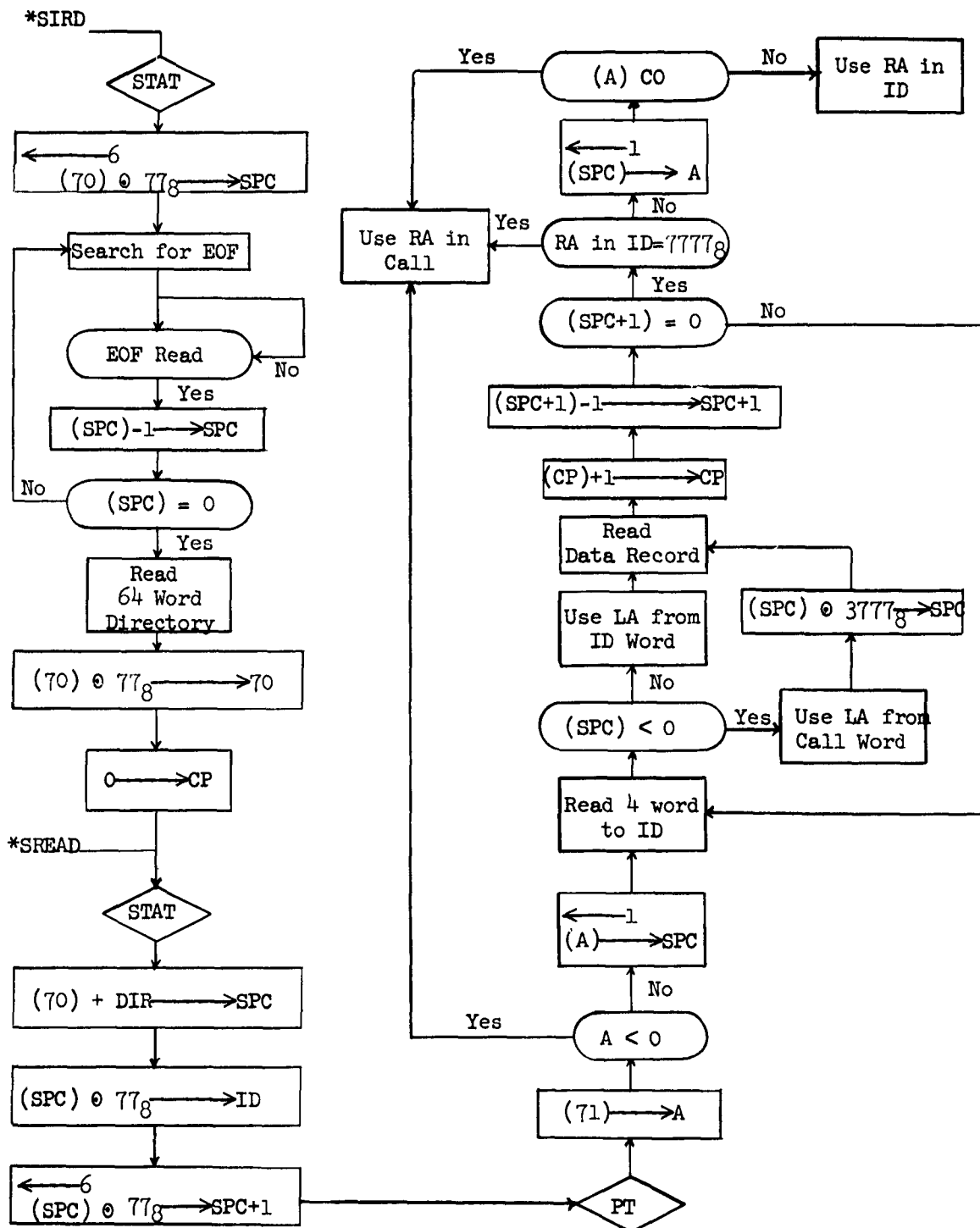
If because of its storage allocation a program destroys SREAD, the procedure will have to be reinitiated, using SBOOT. This should not be restrictive, since all operational programs will be modified to share core with the SREAD routine.

SREAD does not modify cells 70 through 73, of the direct bank. Consequently, future calls to SREAD with the same parameter or any portions thereof, need not require that the contents of those cells be reinitialized.

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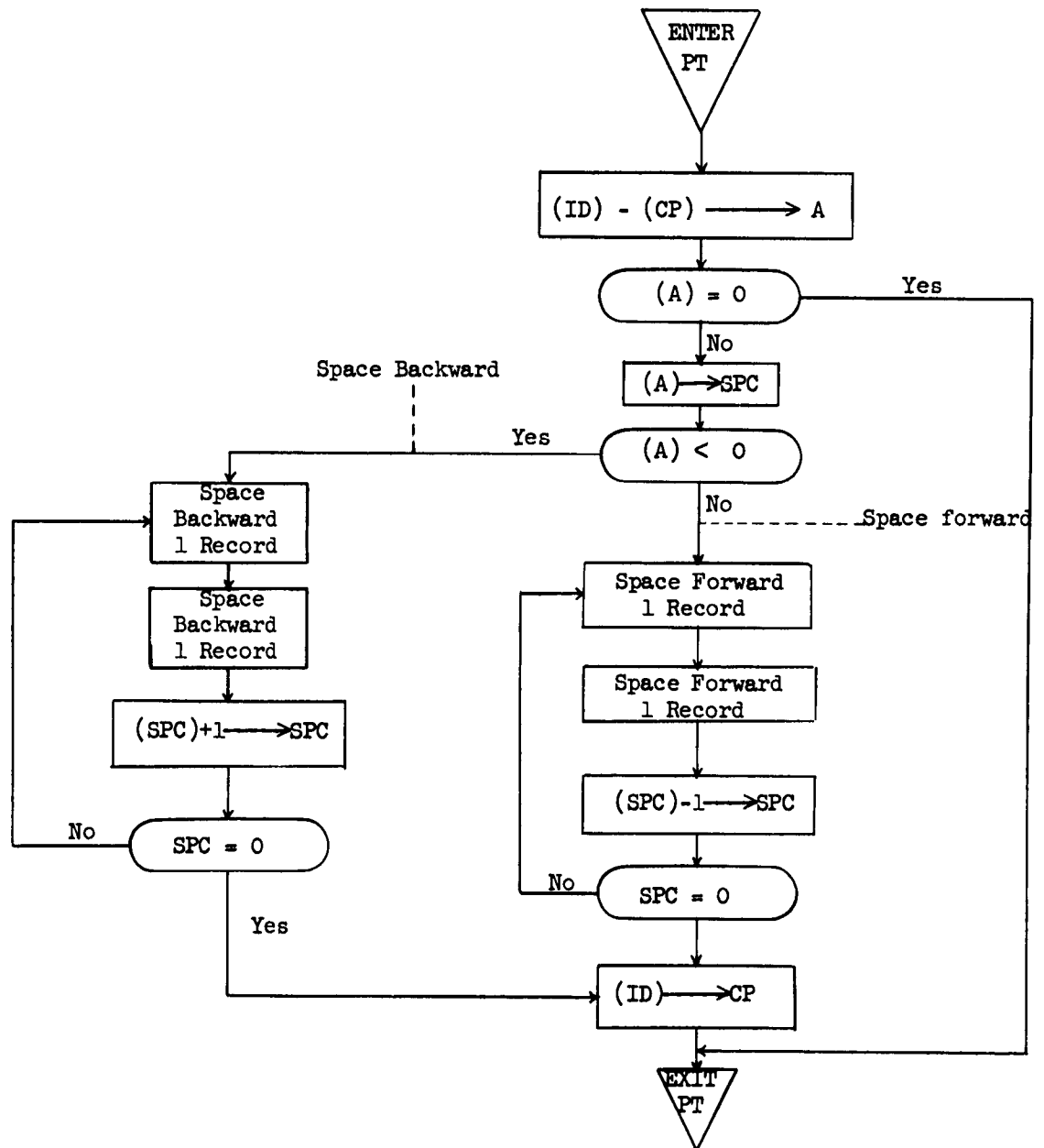
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# Mag tape position subroutine

CP (Current position of tape) = 00XX

ID (Record identification) = 00YY



## APPENDIX A-1

MODE DIRECTORY FORMAT

<u>Word</u>	<u>Identification</u>
1	Month (2 numeric characters)
2	Day (2 numeric characters)
3	Year (2 numeric characters)
4	C <sub>1</sub> C <sub>2</sub>
5	C <sub>3</sub> C <sub>4</sub>
6	C <sub>5</sub> C <sub>6</sub>
7	C <sub>7</sub> M
8	
9	(similar to words 4 through 7)
10	
11	
.	.
.	.
.	.

where C<sub>i</sub> are the alphanumeric characters of the MODE identification.

M is the corresponding six-bit binary MODE number.

The second record of the first file is the SREAD subroutine followed by an end-of-file.

## APPENDIX A-2

FUNCTION DIRECTORY FORMAT

<u>Word</u>	<u>Identification</u>
1	$N_1 F_1$
2	$N_2 F_2$
3	$N_3 F_3$
.	.
.	.
.	.
63	$N_{63} F_{63}$
64	$N_{64} F_{64}$

where  $F_i$  are nine-bit binary numbers indicating relative position within a MODE.

$N_i$  are three-bit binary numbers indicating the number of information records associated with the  $i$ th entry in the table.

## APPENDIX A-3

IDENTIFICATION RECORD FORMAT

Records  $2K$  ( $1 \leq K \leq 512$ ) are four-word identification records indicating load address and return address for each associated information record.

<u>Word</u>	<u>Identification</u>
1	Load Address
2	Bank
3	Return Address
4	Return Address Bank

Records  $2K + 1$  are variable length information records containing modules, submodules, subroutines, parameters, and tables.

## APPENDIX A-4

COMPOSITE TT & C TAPE FORMAT

<u>Tape Format</u>	<u>Description</u>
"load point"	
Record 1	MODE Directory
Record 2	SREAD Subroutine
"eof"	
Record 1	MODE 1 Function Directory
Record 2	Identification Record
Record 3	Information Record
.	
.	
.	
Record K-1	Identification Record
Record K	Information Record
"eof"	
.	
.	
.	
"eof"	
Record 1	MODE r Function Directory
Record 2	Identification Record
Record 3	Information Record
.	
.	
.	
"eof"	

## APPENDIX B

CARD FORMAT

## A. Date Card (Floating Field)

1. Entry 1 - month (two numeric characters)
2. Entry 2 - day (two numeric characters)
3. Entry 3 - year (last two numeric characters of the year)

## B. Mode directory card (Floating Field)

1. Entry 1 - symbolic tag of mode
2. Entry 2 - physical mode number on tape

## C. Mode card (Floating Field)

1. Entry 1 - \* (asterisk)
2. Entry 2 - symbolic tag of mode
3. Entry 3 - physical mode number on tape
4. Entry 4 - control character

D = delete mode from tape

A = add new mode

M = modify data in mode

## D. ID card (Floating Field)

1. Entry 1 - \*\* (double asterisk)
2. Entry 2 - logical function number
3. Entry 3 - control character

D = delete program from tape

A = add new program

M = modify existing program

4. Entry 4 - return address and bank BLLLL
5. Entry 5 - loading address and bank BLLLL
6. Entry 6 - source of data

P = paper tape

C = cards

## E. Binary deck (Fixed Format) or Binary Paper Tape

1. Standard OSAS binary card



APPENDIX B (continued)

## F. Binary transfer card (Fixed Format)

1. Standard OSAS binary card

## G. Octal corrector card (Fixed Format)

1. Column 1 - 0
2. Column 2 - bank number
3. Columns 3- 6 - loading address
4. Columns 7-78 - data (four columns per word)

## H. End card (Floating Field)

1. Entry 1 - END

APPENDIX C

TYPEWRITER FORMAT

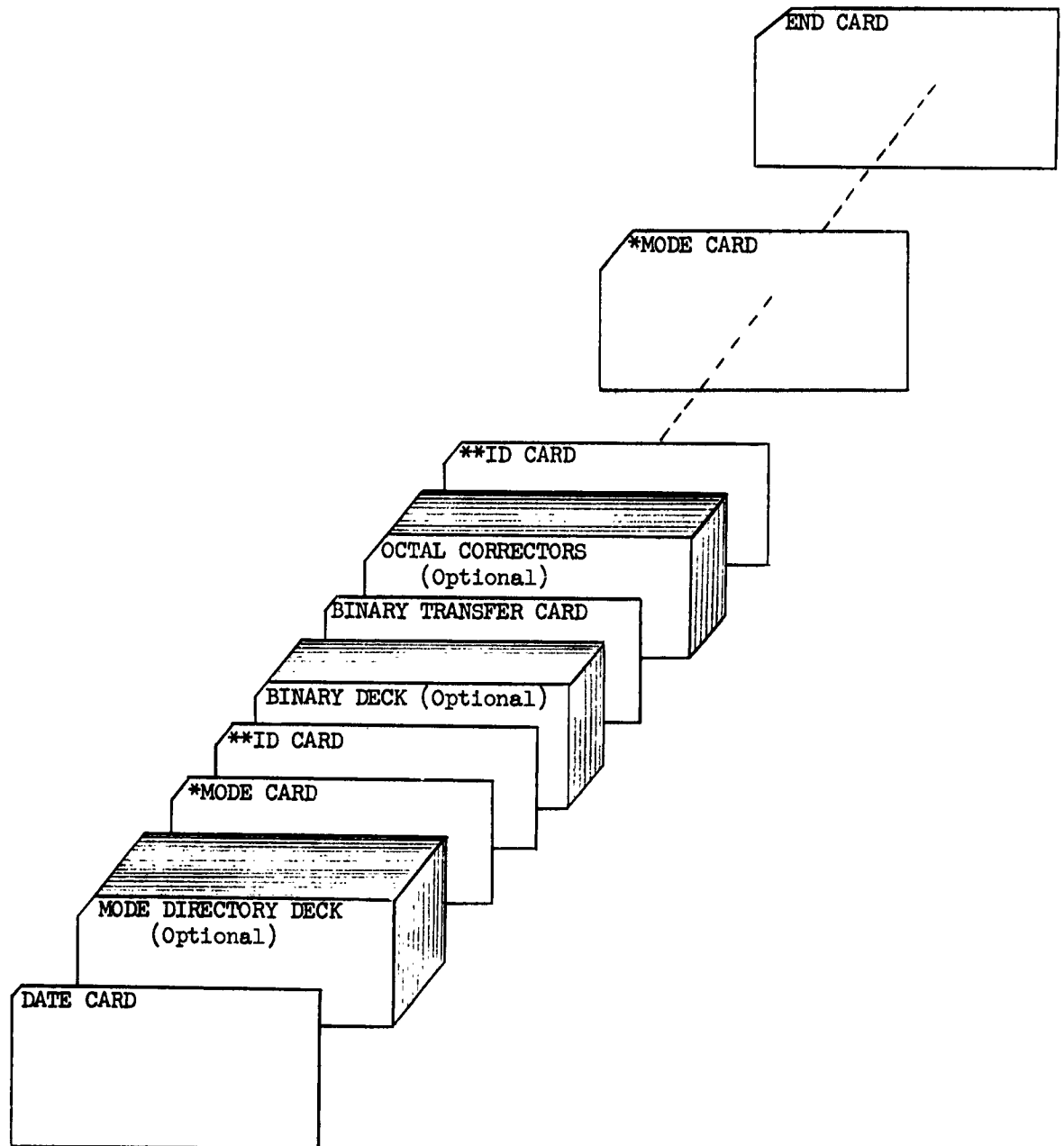
- A. Data input will be entered in the same format and sequence as cards.
- B. A period (.) will signify to SPMTA to process those words entered since the last period. This would be treated as having read 80 columns of a card.
- C. A carriage return will allow the operator to retype the last line.
- D. At least one space must be typed between entries.
- E. SPMTA will give a carriage return on the typewriter when it is ready to accept a line (card) of data.

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